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MARC BROWN, co-anchor:

Getting to and from one of the world's busiest airports here in Los Angeles can be a real pain, especially when the traffic is bad.

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But relief may soon be on the way.

Eyewitness News reporter Rob Hayes has more on a proposed shuttle service for LAX.

ROB HAYES reporting:

Each year, tens of millions of people flying into and out of LAX. That's a lot of planes but don't look for any trains. There is no rail service to the airport, which leads to more cars and more congestion. But the airport commission is hoping to ease that problem by adding a new fly-away shuttle line. This one is already running from Van Nuys to LAX. The new one would connect LAX to Union Station. Expected price? Six dollars roundtrip for adults, \$1.75 for kids.

Mr. RUBEN MARTINEZ (Traveler): It's probably the best idea they ever had. That will save a lot of time from downtown LA to the airport. And I hope they do it.

Ms. MONA DWORSACK (Traveler): Anything I think that can reduce congestion in and out of the airport here will be beneficial.

HAYES: But there is a flip side to this plan. LAX is already swamped with travelers and making it easier for people to get here will only mean bigger crowds. And that's why regional planners want to also make it easier to get to other airports. Mainly this one, Ontario International Airport.

Ms. EMILY BALTENSBERGER (Traveler): It's smaller probably. I would consider it. It's very nice. It's great.

HAYES: Ontario has several things LAX can't offer, mostly room to grow and a local community that wants it to grow. But getting to Ontario from the LA area right now isn't very convenient. That's why the Southern California Association of Governments wants fly-away shuttle lines running to Ontario, as well as new carpool lanes to make driving to the airport faster.

Mr. TIM MOONEY (Traveler): Given a choice if our business place was between here and LAX, we would certainly fly into Ontario and move on up because it's significantly easier than trying to fly in to LAX.

HAYES: Seven more airport shuttle lines are being considered right now. The proposed Union Station shuttle still has to be OK'd by the LA City Council and the MTA Board of Directors. If approved, it could be up and running as soon as mid-March.

At LAX, Rob Hayes ABC 7 EYEWITNESS NEWS.